

Central Beaverton NAC Minutes for July 2, 2012

ITEM DISCUSSED: Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue

Discussion points: Fireworks

Keep It Legal

Oregon law bans fireworks that fly, explode, or move across the ground more than six feet or up in the air more than 12 inches. This includes popular items like bottle rockets, roman candles, firecrackers, and M80s..

Fireworks purchased by mail order, or in the state of Washington or on Native American reservations, may be illegal in Oregon. To keep it legal, purchase all fireworks at a licensed Oregon firework stand or retail outlet. Under Oregon law, law enforcement officers can seize illegal fireworks and you can be fined up to \$500 per violation. You can also be held civilly liable for damages resulting from improper use of any fireworks - legal or illegal.

In an effort to help curb illegal activity on the Fourth of July, TVF&R firefighters will conduct neighborhood drive-bys, reminding individuals to use fireworks safely and the penalties associated with illegal fireworks. In addition, TVF&R Deputy Fire Marshals will be present at public displays and will be riding with local law officers to assist with their enforcement efforts.

Individuals needing to report a fire or medical emergency should call 9-1-1; individuals wishing to report a nuisance or concern about illegal fireworks should do so via their **non-emergency 9-1-1 number**. These situations will be logged and passed on to local enforcement, and responded to as resources allow.

Keep It Safe

Even legal fireworks cause fires and injuries. Follow the tips below to help ensure your safety.

- ☐ ☐ Only adults should light or handle fireworks. Supervise children at all times.
- ☐ ☐ Store fireworks, matches, and lighters out of the reach of children.
- ☐ ☐ Use fireworks outdoors on a paved surface, away from buildings, vehicles, and vegetation.
- ☐ ☐ Never pick up or try to re-light a "dud."
- ☐ ☐ Never alter fireworks or make your own.
- ☐ ☐ Have a hose nearby in case of fire and place "spent" fireworks in a bucket of water. ***One of the most common fires that TVF&R responds to involves "spent" fireworks placed in a bucket or grocery sack that rekindle and spread to fences, decks, and even homes.***

TVF&R has a training program on fireworks, contact them for more information.

ITEM DISCUSSED: Beaverton Police Department

Discussion points: Officer Mike Smith/activity for the month

The Beaverton Police Department strongly advises citizens not to bring illegal fireworks within the city limits. The police department recommends you become familiar with which fireworks are legal within the State of Oregon. Fireworks that fly, explode or act in an uncontrolled manner are banned by Oregon law. Please keep in mind that many fireworks purchased by mail order, in the State of Washington or on Native American reservations are also illegal in Oregon.

Possession of illegal fireworks is a Class B Misdemeanor. Under Oregon law, officials may seize illegal fireworks and fine offenders up to \$500 per violation. In addition to potential criminal penalties, individuals can be held civilly liable for damages resulting from misuse of fireworks and Oregon law holds parents liable for damages their children are found to have caused.

Individuals concerned about neighbors using fireworks are reminded that Fourth of July festivities result in increased activity for all public safety agencies. Citizens needing to report a fire or medical emergency should call 9-1-1; those wishing to report a nuisance or concern about illegal fireworks should do so via the **non-emergency** number (503-629-0111).

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Police will be working overtime on the Fourth of July. They have six officers dedicated to firework related calls. Zero tolerance. A member of the fire department will ride with a police officer until at least 10pm-11pm. Vendors only have 10 days to sell fireworks in the City of Beaverton.

May 1st – July 2nd 2012 the Beaverton Police Department received 286 calls related to crimes.

Of those:

90- Larceny calls

135- Motor vehicle theft

31- Drug related arrests

30- DUI (driving under the influence)

The drug heroin is showing up more and more in the Beaverton area.

2 new Lieutenants were hired in Beaverton; Officer Kelly Arshire and Officer Tom Mcgranahan

No new information on new Police Station, it is narrowed down to 5 sites (secret).

ITEM DISCUSSED: BCCI Report (Beaverton Committee for Citizen Involvement)

Discussion points: Melissa Riley, BCCI representative with report

July 14th – Theatre in the Park – playing “You’re a Good Man Charlie Man” performed by: Beaverton Civic Theatre at Center Street Park

July 20th – Center Street Picnic at 6pm hosted by Central Beaverton NAC

Melissa also announced that she will be resigning as our BCCI representative effective immediately. We wish her the Best of Luck. Anyone interested in replacing her; please contact Paul Roder (Chair) at stephenhero_98@yahoo.com or call 503-372-9506 to inquire.

ITEM DISCUSSED: Proposed surface parking improvements at the round

Discussion points: Christie White, Matt Johnson, Michelle Brockman & Dean Christensen reports

Committee hearing will be on July 17th, 7pm at Beaverton Community Center across the street from the Beaverton Library

Improvements are new sidewalks, rebar removed, new paving, new street trees, buffers, existing parking spaces improved, landscape requirements and storm water filtration before going into Beaverton Creek; bicycle parking will be looked at, increasing parking for current residents. There will be new parking for businesses but No parking for MAX (NO PARK & RIDE)

They have submitted application and are hoping to get started in the next 6 months.

ITEM DISCUSSED: General NAC Business

Discussion points: minutes and other things

We do not have a quorum at this time, so we cannot approve May’s minutes. We will approve at the September 10, meeting.

A member wanted to know if there was anything that we can do to better manage the street parking and activity during Saturday’s Farmers Market? She lives on 3rd street and Washington and it is a nightmare for drivers, parker’s, residents and pedestrians.

Any other business? Mikhail (vice-chair) NO.

We will adjourn this meeting; secretary will note be adjourned this meeting at 7:50 on July 2, 2012